



The Ohio State University

Department of History

106 Dulles Hall
230 West 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43210
Phone 614 422-2674

Executive Registry

78-8598

Williamson Murray
Department of History
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio, 43210

March 6, 1978

Dear John,

I thought that I would enclose several clippings from the Ohio State University newspaper, "The Lantern." I do not expect any trouble with the Admiral's visit, but he may well get a series of questions which deal with CIA involvement on the campus -- especially at the open meeting and lecture. You will notice that Morton H. Halperin has been on the campus and has made things rather muddy.

You will be glad to hear that we have managed to get one of the better halls for the Admiral's lecture and have made all the arrangements possible. I would like to have the times of Admiral Turner's arrival and departure as soon as possible so that we can finish firming up our plans.

Sincerely,

Wick Murray
Williamson Murray

Approved For Release 2009/07/10 : CIA-RDP05S00620R000601480038-2

Editorial "The Phantom"

March 4 3

Approved For Release 2009/07/10 : CIA-RDP05S00620R000601480038-2

Chance passed up

Ohio State had the chance to be a leader among American universities. But due to negligence or ignorance of the issues, it failed to take a leading stand.

The Graduate Council Saturday approved guidelines governing activities by the CIA and other governmental intelligence agencies.

It had been hoped that Ohio State would take a strong stand and thereby influence other universities in formulating guidelines. But the guidelines formalized by the Special Committee on CIA-sponsored Research completely missed the boat.

Even though university administrators had been warned of the problem of student recruitment by CIA-paid faculty members, Provost Albert Kuhn, when setting up the special committee, said nothing to them about recruitment.

Morton Halperin, chairman of the Campaign to Stop Government Spying, had also warned the American Association of University Professors that recruitment of students by faculty members is a predominant and dangerous problem on campuses.

But the committee, then, like sheep, followed Kuhn's instructions to the letter and said nothing

in the guidelines about recruitment, propaganda, extensive unauthorized investigations of students — nothing except the narrow area of research.

The only guideline that could be connected with other CIA involvement than that of research would be the statement that "a member of the University Community enjoys a position of trust and respect" that should not be violated by actions resulting from association with intelligence agencies.

This vague statement leaves CIA involvement by faculty members open to his or her own personal discretion.

Ohio State has to revise their incomplete and unresearched guidelines to include other areas of CIA involvement than research.

Also, the committee must, to be adequately informed, use the Freedom of Information Act to obtain more detailed descriptions of how Ohio State was involved in CIA recruitment, student investigations, etc.

Ohio State and its often unsuspecting students deserve more than a skeleton statement of guidelines. It needs to become a strong leader in this fight against covert CIA involvement on college campuses.

Editorial "The Lantern"

March 6

CIA-Campus relations

Vague is the only description for proposed university guidelines governing activities by the CIA and other government intelligence agencies on campus. The Graduate Council will consider these guidelines for approval tomorrow.

While the guidelines regard intelligence agency relationships as either being connected with contracted research or independent faculty work, the guidelines do not rule out intelligence gathering on campus by faculty members for the CIA.

They also do not rule out CIA recruiting on campus. The council must specify in its guidelines whether CIA recruiters will be allowed on campus for both overt and covert job opportunities, or only overt jobs.

Guidelines already exist concerning recruiting, but these place the CIA in the same group as all other prospective employers. But, considering the

nature of CIA activities, the intelligence agency is not just another employer.

What the university must do is request all materials concerning CIA activity at Ohio State from the agency under the Freedom of Information Act. We question why the university has not retrieved this information sooner.

The question of any CIA involvement on campus brings to light the problem of possible intelligence gathering on students and student groups. Such activities cannot be allowed.

It is because of these questions that the council must indicate precisely, in its guidelines, the exact nature of CIA involvement on campus.

Without adequate indication, the concept of Ohio State being an atmosphere for free and independent thinking will vanish in the thin air of governmental rhetoric.

• Lead Story "The Lantem"
• March 3

CIA recruitment guidelines probed

By Michael T. Kapsa

A former National Security Council adviser and chairman of The Campaign to Stop Government Spying (CSGS) said Thursday Ohio State University probably has no idea what the past actions of the CIA were on this campus.

"Ohio State University cannot even begin to determine the extent of the CIA activity on campus until they request all files under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI)," said Morton H. Halperin, chairman of CSGS.

Ohio State's use of the FOI would request the CIA to release whatever documents they have concerning the agency's past activities on campus. Eric R. Gilbertson, executive assistant to President Harold L. Ehnarson, said the university has not asked for any information under the act con-

cerning the CIA matter.

Saturday, Ohio State's Graduate Council will consider guidelines governing activity by the CIA and other government intelligence agencies on this campus.

Halperin said Ohio State is not the only university that thought the CIA was minimally involved on their campus.

"For example, the University of California president wrote to us (CSGS) that he could find no evidence of covert activity on his campus. A couple of months later an individual University of California graduate student released over 800 pages of documents of CIA activity involving the University of California, which were obtained under the Freedom of Information Act."

Halperin said.

documents in the University of California file relating to secret recruitment," he said.

Ohio State is one of over 250 institutions found in a 1973 memorandum maintained by the CIA, listing overt contacts with academic institutions by CIA recruiters, according to Hal Candee, campus coordinator for CSGS.

This memorandum is one of 67 documents which "focus on the CIA's deep interest in the political activities occurring on U.S. campuses in the late 1960's and early 1970's" according to CSGS.

"Probably the largest area of CIA activity on campuses is the secret recruitment of undercover CIA personnel," Halperin said.

"It is possible that someone at Ohio State had a private contract with the CIA to recruit for them, and students

and faculty were not aware of it," Candee said.

Candee cited already released CIA documents and said "in every instance where there was contractual relationship, an appropriate senior official of the academic institution concerned was aware of the relationship with the CIA. However, the contractual relationship was not known to the individual students."

Halperin outlined the manner in which the CIA recruits professors or administrators "spot students who might be of interest to intelligence agencies or the CIA," Halperin said.

"The agency will then conduct extensive investigations before the person (who may be asked to work for the CIA) is ever notified," he said.

Halperin said this activity "involves the unauthorized investigation (of the person) by the CIA."

The guidelines that are to be reviewed by the Graduate Council this Saturday are similar to those instituted this summer at Harvard University.

A tentative draft of Ohio State's guidelines was shown to the Lantern earlier this week. The guidelines are basically a two-pronged approach concerning relationships with intelligence agencies. For the most part they re-state existing university policy, according to Jules B. LaPridus, dean of the graduate school and vice-provost for research.

LaPridus said guidelines already exist which cover situations applicable to the CIA.

Halperin said Ohio State's actions in drawing up guidelines may influence other universities in formulating guidelines.

"We (CSGS) hope schools like OSU

will take a strong stand (on their CIA guidelines) so others will follow," Halperin said.

"The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has said they are interested in hearing views from representatives of academic communities on the relations between the CIA and other intelligence agencies and the academic community," Halperin said.

Halperin is currently the director of the Center for National Security Studies along with being chairman of CSGS. He resigned his National Security Council post after finding out his phone had been tapped by the FBI between 1969 and 1971.

Halperin said in September the secret activities of the CIA violate the integrity of universities.